

**WHITEFISH COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES
March 23, 2016**

The March 2016 regular meeting of the District Board of Directors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Denny. Directors Cavin, Kibbe, and Goodman were present, as was Rita Hanson.

MINUTES: Minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL: Financials were reviewed with only routine expenses paid out. Funding will again be given to Whitefish Lake Institute in the amount of \$2,000 to be used in the water quality monitoring program.

PERs Update: The Preliminary Engineering Report for Lion Mountain was discussed at a public forum at the City offices on 2/23/2016. Presenting at the forum were Carver Engineering, Whitefish Lake Institute and City of Whitefish. Handouts were provided, as well as a slide presentation viewed. Directors Denny, Cavin and Goodman were also present. The survey sent to residents in the proposed project area had received poor response and comments were noted. Chuck Stearns from the City gave a review of tax impact should some sort of system be constructed. A question of waiver of annexation was also brought up with no definite decision, however did not seem to receive a favorable response from the City's aspect. A draft report will be presented shortly, followed by a final report. A second survey was again discussed by the Board, but no decision was made at this point. Rita had received a memo from WLI regarding final action/resolution on the PER for Lion Mountain. As there were questions regarding such, a meeting with WLI was suggested for 4/6. Rita will follow-up with coordinating a meeting.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES: Rita gave a brief update from Jan Metzmaker on the AIS program. Clearwater Junction area will be on both sides of the road this year, before it only went in one direction. There is a meeting this week about roaming stations in the Swan. The FBC got a \$200,000 grant from Conoco to open the stations from March until Memorial Day. FWP will then take over the stations. They didn't have the funds to open them early when all the boats are coming from the south after winter. There will also be mussel-sniffing dogs, which are being trained right now. Flathead Electric gave FBC \$35,000. The City gave the WLI \$30,000 for the station at City Beach. Browning is the big concern to keep that open and get the boats coming from the east.

WATER RESOURCE PROJECT: Director Cavin attended a presentation on 3/22 on the "Whitefish Area Water Resources Report: A Status of the Whitefish Lake Watershed and Surrounding Area". He stated that WLI did a good job on the Water Resource Project.

There was no **New Business** to address.

NEXT MEETING: April 6, 2016

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Hanson